

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-38 and 53-65 and rejected claim 66. By this paper, Applicants cancelled the solely-rejected claim 66 to place this application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Cancellation of Claim 66

While Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections of claim 66, Applicants have cancelled claim 66 to advance prosecution. Moreover, Applicants note that certain aspects of claim 66 are still believed to be distinguishable over the cited references and, thus, Applicants may wish to file a continuation application to pursue this subject matter.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 66 under U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Foster (U.S. Patent No. 4,740,550). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. However, this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 66. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

The Examiner rejected claim 66 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hottovy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,239,235 B1) in view of Foster (U.S. Patent No.

4,470,550). However, this rejection is moot in view of the cancellation of claim 66.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C.

§ 103.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants graciously acknowledge the Examiner allowance of the pending claims 1-38 and 53-65. Applicants submit the present application is condition for allowance.

Conclusion

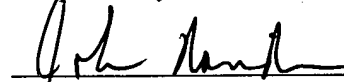
Applicants respectfully agree with the Examiner that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner wishes to resolve any issues by way of a telephone conference, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Authorization for Extensions of Time and Payment of Fees

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby provide a general authorization to treat this and any future reply requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request thereof. Further, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required for an extension of time or for any other reason to Deposit Account No. 06-1315; Order No. CPCM:0017/FLE (210328US1).

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